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CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION (CCA) PROJECT

The project has organized an orientation session with Change Maker Club in two schools in Bogra district. A total of 43 participants including 31 boys and 12 girls have participated in the program. Arsenic test of 650 tube wells has been completed in Manikganj and Bogra district. Fellowship titled “Improving cyclone early warning services (last mile connectivity for women and children) of people at Nijhumdwerp through existing CPP network and organization” has been awarded to a student of Dhaka University.

Achievements
- Conducted orientation with two School Change Maker Clubs with 43 participants in Bogra district.
- Completed arsenic test of 650 tube wells in Manikganj and Bogra district.
- Trained 22 participants on CCA and DRR in Bogra district.
- Conducted two leadership trainings for CDMC members with 32 participants in Bogra.
- Provided tiffin for 196 pre-primary school going students and transportation cost for 6 teachers in Gopalganj district.

Training on Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) has been conducted with 22 participants including Unit Executive Committee members, local government officials and school teachers in Bogra district. Two leadership trainings for CDMC members of Bogra have been completed with 32 participants including 16 male and 16 female members. Moreover, tailored training for 16 female of Nijhumdip has also been completed. Tiffin for 196 pre-primary school students and transportation cost for 6 teachers have also been provided in Gopalganj district.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (CEP)

The department has recovered 4,96,580 BDT (5,911.66 CHF) from different places of Chittagong district, following is the breakdown –

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Besides these, disbursement has also been made in the community. A total of 1, 35,000 BDT (1,607.14 CHF) has been delivered for creating the income generating options for poor families.

**Achievements**

Recovered 4, 96,580 BDT (5,911.66 CHF) and disbursed 1, 35,000 BDT (1,607.14 CHF) in the community.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES (CDI) PROGRAM**

During the reporting period, Baseline Survey report and Plan of Action (PoA) for CDI program (2nd phase) have been completed. Four Community Program Committees (CPCs) have been formed in Gopalganj and Rangpur district. Key objective was to ensure community participation in the project interventions. Moreover, these committees will provide support and monitor implementation of project activities in the community level.

Community Disaster Response Team (CDRT) has formed and Unit Disaster Response Team (UDRT) has been reformed in Gopalganj and Rangpur Red Crescent (RC) Units. Moreover, orientation program has been arranged in Gopalganj and Rangpur district. Key objective was to provide basic understanding about the project interventions.

Total 5 poor pregnant mothers received financial support of 2,000 BDT each from Maternal and Child Health (MCH) revolving fund. A total of 445 families have taken under Income Generation Activity monitoring process in Nilphamari, Natore, Kushtia, and Magura district. Besides these, income generation monitoring has been conducted on 55 trained beneficiaries on tailoring, 16 trained community activists on machine mechanics, 16 trained community activists on veterinary.

Several training sessions have been conducted throughout the month, those are as follows:

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RELIEF DEPARTMENT

The department has distributed food and non-food items to fire affected families of 6 villages (named as Uttarnikachari, Baniapara, Terenghata, Chirlapara, Ramkote and Ukheapara) in Ramu Upazila under the district of Cox’s Bazar. A total of 84 families received blankets, jerrycane, tarpaulin, mosquito net, plate, and mat as non-food items and puffed rice, gur (concentrated sugar) as food items. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and local Red Crescent Units have jointly provided emergency support to the people.

Training on Water Purification Kit has been conducted with BDRCS officials and youth members in Manikganj district. Key objective was to make BDRCS officials and youth members able to utilize Water Purification Kit effectively and efficiently. A total of 22 participants from BDRCS, IFRC and RCY have participated in the training session. Besides these, Shelter training has also been organized in Gazipur. A total of 19 participants from Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, India, and Maldives Red Cross Red Crescent Societies have participated in the training.

Achievements
- Conducted training on Water Purification Kit with 22 participants of BDRCS, IFRC and RCY.
- Formed Community Program Committees (CPC) and Community Disaster Response Team (CDRT) in Gopalganj and Rangpur RC Unit.
- Distributed food and non-food items to 84 fire affected families in Ramu Upazila under Cox’s Bazaar district.
- Conducted training on Water Purification Kit with 22 participants of BDRCS, IFRC and RCY.
- Provided support to 2,500 tropical storm affected families in Noakhali, Bhola and Chittagong district.

The department has also provided support to tropical storm affected families in Noakhali, Bhola and Chittagong district. A total of 2,500 affected families (including 1,500 families in Noakhali & 1,000 in Bhola) have received 5 kilograms (kg) of rice, 1 kg of sweet, 1 tarpaulin and 1 jerrycane each. Similarly, 500 families in Chittagong have received 5 kilograms of rice, 1 tarpaulin and 1 jerrycane each.

ESTATE DEPARTMENT

During the reporting period, Estate Department has collected house rent from different estates. A total amount of 96,26,948 BDT (114,606.52 CHF) is collected against the target of 1,05,86,901 BDT (126,034.53 CHF).

Achievement
- A total of 96,26,948 BDT (114,606.52 CHF) collected as rent

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Human Repsource Department has been involved in various activities like transfer, recruitment, processing resignation and yearly increment for BDRCS staffs. In October, the department has processed increment for 22 staffs, regularized 2 officials and 5 staffs, included 1 official & 5 staffs in the provident fund system, recruited 1 official/staff and closed 1 staff.

Achievement
- Processed increment for 22 staffs, regularized 2 officials and 5 staffs, included 1 official & 5 staffs in the provident fund system, recruited 1 official/staff and closed 1 staff.
INTERNATIONAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

In October 2012, the department has conducted audit in Pabna Red Crescent Unit. According to audit findings, this Unit has incurred huge amount of money for Facilitation Ceremony out of Co-curriculum fund without taking any permission from National Head Quarter (NHQ). Besides this, separate bank accounts for Co-curriculum Fund have not been opened following NHQ instructions. Expenses have been paid without prior permission and ULO does not sign any bill-voucher. Audit has also been conducted at Natore Red Crescent Unit and similar kinds of findings has been observed there.

Achievement

Completed audit in Natore and Pabna Red Crescent Unit

In this connection, letters have already been issued to respective Units for adopting necessary actions. By this time, respective Units have opened separate accounts for Co-curriculum fund and ULO has signed in bill-vouchers.

PMER (PLANNING MONITORING EVALUATION AND REPORTING) SECTION

In October 2012, Planning Workshop for formulating Four Years Unit Development Plan has been carried out in 30 Units. The Units are - Sirajganj, Kishorganj, Jaipurhat, Netrokona, Naogaon, Hobiganj, Dinajpur, Sunamganj, Thakurgaon, Sylhet, Panchagar, Moulavibazar, Jessore, Jhinaidah, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Kushtia, Pabna, Jhalakathi, Rajbari, Patuakhali, Faridpur, Barguna, Narail, Bhola, Khulna, Lakshmipur, Khulna City, Noakhali and Satkhira.

Facilitators who have received ToT, provides support regarding formulation of Unit Development Plan. Increasing accessibility of strategic development plan and its wide range of distribution, the document, originally composed in English, has been translated in Bangla. BDRCS Monthly Activity Report (MAR) for September, 2012 has been completed and shared with relevant stakeholders. The MAR has also been uploaded on BDRCS Web site.

Achievement

- Conducted workshop on formulating Four Years Unit Development Plan in 30 Units
- Translated the Strategic Development Plan 2011 – 2015 in Bangla and sent for printing in both English and Bangla.
- Completed BDRCS Monthly Activity Report (MAR) for September, 2012 and uploaded in BDRCS Web Site.

At the beginning of October 2012, Reporting and Documentation Officer of the PMER section left International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society (IFRC). The respective employer has started looking for a new recruit for the position.
**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (P&D) DEPARTMENT**

In October 2012, consultant has been assigned for formulating new rules/statutes and rules & procedure for BDRCS in alignment with existing law. The department provided continuous support in coordination for conducting Four Years Unit Development Plan.

**Achievement**

- Assigned consultant for formulating new rules/statutes and rules & procedure for BDRCS.

**TRAINING DEPARTMENT**

In October 2012, two training courses on Basic First Aid have been arranged with different organizations in Dhaka. A total of 27 participants have received the training where one course with GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) consisting of 9 employees. The other one with 18 employees was organised for Hennes & Mauritz. The training sessions covered topics related to Basic First Aid and RCRC Movement issues. The participants were interested and motivated to share their acquired First Aid skills and understanding and key messages of RCRC Movement. Besides these, one refresher training course on First Aid has also been arranged for Premier LP Gas. A total of 21 employees of Premier LP Gas have participated in the training.

**Achievement**

- Refresher training on First Aid completed with 21 employees of Premier LP Gas.
- Two training courses of Basic First Aid arranged for 45 employees of GIZ and Hennes & Mauritz.

Although training department is continuously organizing various training courses with different organizations, it continues to face challenges. Some basic requirements like 3 laptops, 1 multimedia with projection screen, 2 digital cameras, 1 photocopier and 1 scanner are needed on an urgent basis for smooth and effective implementation of the ongoing and regular activities.

**TRACING DEPARTMENT**

In October 2012, the department has completed Capacity and Needs Assessment for Restoring Family Linkage (RFL) in 68 Units (continuing from previous month). The assessment covered 408 persons including Unit Tracing Team Members (each team consisting of 6 members), beneficiaries and other stakeholders. All Units Executive Committees (EC) have assessed their strength on Tracing/RFL services. Unit Tracing Team is functional in most of the Units. Whereas, due to reluctance to respond by some Units, the department required extra time to complete the assessment.

Orientation and Discussion sessions have completed with Executive Committee (EC) Members, volunteers and districts authorities (as DC, SP, Information Officer, Jail authority) and some NGOs in Panchagarh, Nilphamari and Kurigram districts.
Objective of the orientation was to generate a clear understanding about the activities usually conducted by Tracing/RFL department of BDRCS. A total of 150 participants have participated in the Orientation and Discussion sessions. Similarly, for raising mass awareness regarding Tracing or RFL activities, film show has been arranged in Bhola and Barisal districts. A total of 4,500 people have been covered directly through this activity. Moreover, Tracing Unit has visited Garati conclave in Panchagarh and Kaliarhat & Dashiarchara enclave in Kurigram. The objective was to strengthen local network and enhance coordination and cooperation between Tracing Team and local government authorities.

For distributing Hygiene kits among the foreign detainees of different Jails in Bangladesh, BDRCS has received Kits from the supplier as per work order. Red Crescent Message (RCM) has been exchanged with 4 families in Lebanon, Georgia, Belgium, and India. Two tracing cases in Moulavibazar and Chittagong are under investigation. However, the challenge was a lack of adequate information on those families making the search process slow.

**TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT**

In October 2012, the department has completed servicing of 4 vehicles, repair work of 3 small vehicles and checking fitness of 3 vehicles for providing smooth support to National Head Quarter (NHQ) of the NS fleet.

**Achievement**

Serviced 4 vehicles, repaired 3 small vehicles, and checking the fitness of 3 vehicles have been completed.

**YOUTH AND VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT**

During the reporting period, 300 Unit members from 10 Units (as Potuakhali, Lalmonirhat, Pirojpur, Rangamati, Chittagong district, Netrokona, Joypurhat, and Khulna district) have received training on Red Cross Red Crescent Basic (RCRC) and First Aid. This activity will help to establish Institution Based Team and Providing training. Moreover, Orientation session on International Friendship Program (IFP) has been arranged in 5 districts namely Munshiganj, Barisal, Comilla, Coxs Bazar and Thakurgaon. Japan Red Cross (JRC) has extended their support to conduct the orientation.

**Achievement**

- 300 members from 10 Units received training on RCRC and First Aid
- 300 students from 10 schools received Basic and First Aid training
- Orientation session on IFP has been arranged in 5 districts
- RCY members engaged in relief activities distributing cash, relief and delivering primary health care to flood affected people in Cox’s Bazar, Sirajganj and Kurigram district.
Besides these, a total of 300 students from 30 schools (10 students in each school) in Thakurgaon, Munshiganj and Comilla district received Basic and First Aid training. Respective Unit Level Officers (ULO) and personnel from National Head Quarter (NHQ) have facilitated the training sessions.

In Cox’s Bazar, Sirajganj and Kurigram district, flood has caused serious damage to local livelihood, economy and infrastructure. A total of 5,000 people are affected by flood in 8 districts. In this critical situation, Red Crescent Youth (RCY) in the mentioned affected districts has provided crucial support for affected people through distributing cash, conducting relief activities and delivering primary health care services. Respective ULOs, representatives of Federation and Unit Youth members have worked collectively in relief activities.

UNIT AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

In October 2012, a total of 592 persons including 280 Life and 312 Annual Members have enrolled in different Units and National Head Quarter (NHQ). All the enrolled members are involved in RC Movement and fund collection. The department has issued Life Membership Certificates to 263 persons. However, the challenge was availability of the list of Life Members and Shared Money to respective department in proper time. Besides these, a total of 40,488 BDT (482 CHF) has been collected as share money from Units and NHQ.

For smooth running of Unit activities, Ad Hoc Committee has been formed. However, the challenge was members of the Ad Hoc Committee having low interest to form Elected Committee. Workshop on Formulating Four Years’ Unit Development Plan for 68 Units has continued during this month. Regarding this, 18 BDRCS officers have been trained as facilitator for conducting workshops in different Units. A total of 30 Units have completed their Development Plan in October 2012.

Monthly Activity Report (MAR) has been collected from 68 Unit Offices. The department is well concerned about collecting these reports and also treated as a significant tool in order to know the updated information about Units. However, challenge was most of the ULO’s aren’t trained about the reporting format.

Achievement

- Enrolled 592 persons including 280 Life and 312 Annual Members in different Units and NHQ.
- Issued 263 Life Membership Certificates.
- Formed Ad Hoc Committee at Units.
- Collected Monthly Activity Report (MAR) from 68 Unit Offices.
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